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SUBJ: US/ROMANIAN POSTAL AGREEMENT

REF: STOCK/BALASOIU LETTER OCTOBER 23

1. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS HAS COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF US DRAFT (FORWARDED WITH REF) AND INFORMED EMBASSY BY NOTE AND IN MEETING DECEMBER 24 THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON IN THE SECONDHAF OF JANUARY. EMBOFF MET WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POSTS, VIRGIL SCHIOPIRLAN, AND VOICESCU OF DEPT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, WHO SAID THAT THEY WERE QUOTE 99 PERCENT UNQUOTE IN AGREEMENT WITH TERMS OF US DRAFT, BUT FELT THAT SOME OF THE TERMINOLOGY AND FEES NEEDED BO BE CLARIFIED, AND THEREFORE PROPOSED DIRECT DISCUSSIONS ON AN ARTICLE-BY-ARTICLE BASIS.

2. ROMANIAN DELEGATION WOULD PROBABLY CONSIST OF SCHIOPIRLAN VOICESCU AND AN OFFICER FROM ROMANIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. THEY SPEAK SOME ENGLISH BUT ARE APPARENTLY ACCUSTOMED TO DEALING WITH US POSTAL OFFICIALS IN FRENCH. THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO TRAVEL VIA TAROM, WHICH DEPARTS BUCHAREST WEEKLY ON TUESDAY AND RETURNS WEDNESDAY, SO DELEGATION WOULD PROBABLY STAY IN US FOR ONE WEEK. GOR OFFICIALS DID NOT THINK NEGOTIATIONS WOULD TAKE THAT LONG.

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3. JANUARY VISIT TO US COULD BE FOLLOWED BY VISIT OF US
OFFICIALS HERE IN MAY, FOLLOWING BERN UPU MEETING.

4. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT GOR DELEGATION WOULD BE WELCOME
IN SECOND HALF JANUARY, AND SUGGEST DATES.
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